MISSOURI AREA LABOR TRENDS

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS - DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

INCLUDES CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES FOR ALL AREAS PLUS LABOR MARKET REVIEWS FOR THE STATE AND THE ST. LOUIS, KANSAS CITY, AND SPRINGFIELD, SMSA'S

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MISSOURI LABOR MARKET REVIEW

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Missouri unemployment went up in January, but the increase appears to have been smaller than the usual seasonal jump. The unemployment rate climbed by nine-tenths of a percentage point from December to 7.9 percent, as about 185,000 Missourians were jobless in January. The increase in the unemployment rate between December and January has averaged about 1.2 percentage points over the past 15 years, so there seems to have been some improvement, when seasonal movements are taken into account. Prior to January, there had been no significant change in unemployment, other than seasonal movements, since about last April.

Total employment fell by about 65,000 between December and January, a change which is more nearly in line with the seasonal expectation. Altogether, about 2,147,900 Missourians are estimated to have been employed in January.

Comparted to a year ago, employment has increased by about 32,200, while unemployment has dropped by a slightly larger amount. In other words, the labor force decreased by about 2000 in the period, to 2,332,900. The unemployment rate dropped by one and a half percentage points óver the year.

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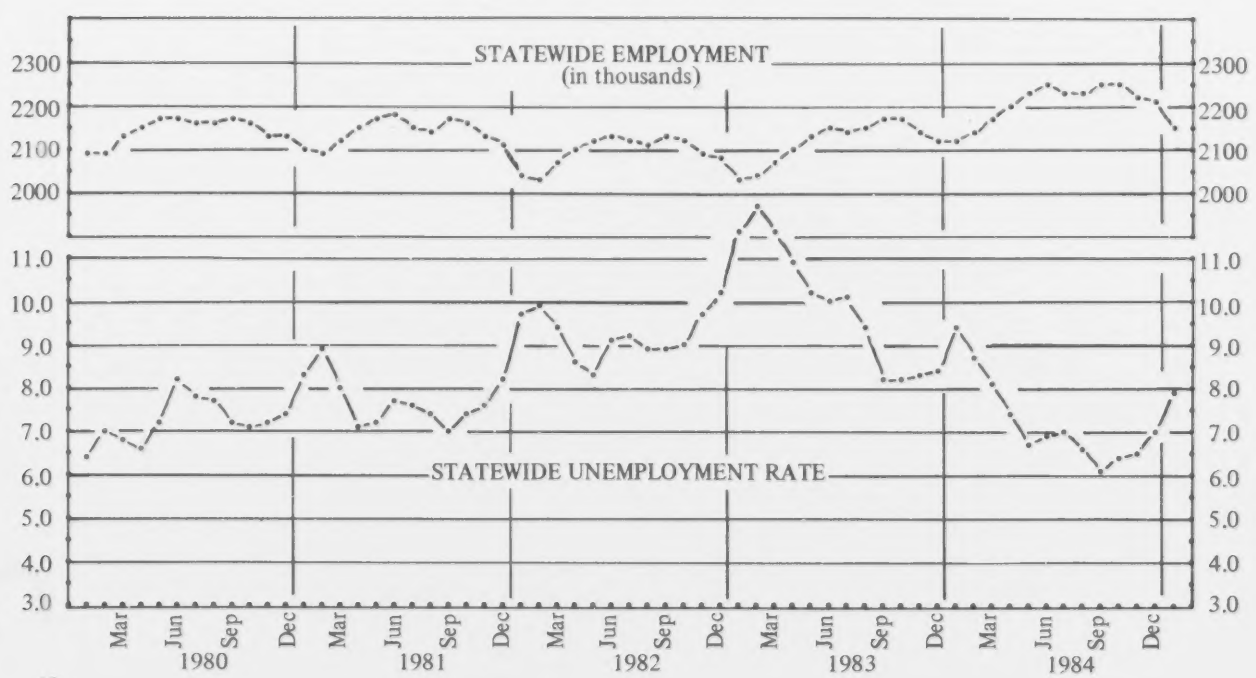

TABLE 1

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATES - ESTIMATES

COUNTY/LABOR MARKET AREA	CURRENT MONTH - JAN 1985 (PRELIMINARY)				PREVIOUS MONTH - DEC 1984 (PRELIMINARY)				ONE YEAR AGO - JAN 1984 (BENCHMARKED 1984)			
	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE
STATEWIDE	2332877	2147915	184962	7.9	2381218	2213402	167816	7.0	2334900	2115683	219217	9.4
KANSAS CITY MSA	727149	684387	42762	5.9	742610	703280	39330	5.3	725202	671265	53937	7.4
SPRINGFIELD MSA	114594	107867	6727	5.9	118540	112367	6173	5.2	114389	106089	8300	7.3
COLUMBIA MSA	57081	54120	2961	5.2	60354	58102	2252	3.7	56973	54179	2794	4.9
JOPLIN MSA	58616	54418	4198	7.2	59135	55198	3937	6.7	57474	52439	5035	8.8
ST. JOSEPH MSA	40464	36932	3532	8.7	42946	39326	3620	8.4	42347	38372	3975	9.4
ADAIR/SCHUYLER LMA	15945	14741	1204	7.6	15938	14896	1042	6.5	16268	15088	1180	7.3
ANDREW	6084	5621	463	7.6	6047	5610	437	7.2	5894	5314	580	9.8
ATCHISON	4002	3692	310	7.7	4013	3743	270	6.7	4936	4683	253	5.1
AUDRAIN	10892	9825	1067	9.8	11079	10154	925	8.3	10684	9726	958	9.0
BARRY	11249	10483	766	6.8	11361	10650	711	6.3	11169	10164	1005	9.0
BARTON	4775	4554	221	4.6	4894	4656	238	4.9	4811	4542	269	5.6
BATES	7160	6620	540	7.5	7378	6942	436	5.9	7475	6685	790	10.6
BENTON	5213	4512	701	13.4	5469	4964	505	9.2	5043	4425	618	12.3
BOLLINGER	3167	2624	543	17.1	2994	2575	419	14.0	3119	2489	630	20.2
BUTLER	16013	14065	1948	12.2	16898	15211	1687	10.0	15744	13401	2343	14.9
CALDWELL	3502	3232	270	7.7	3499	3283	216	6.2	3501	3139	362	10.3
CALLAWAY	17890	16391	1499	8.4	19264	17927	1337	6.9	20020	18535	1485	7.4
CAMDEN	12018	10623	1395	11.6	12148	10914	1234	10.2	10825	9136	1689	15.6
CAPE GIRARDEAU	31950	29957	1993	6.2	31441	29785	1656	5.3	30828	28723	2105	6.8
CARROLL	4461	4071	390	8.7	4469	4182	287	6.4	4453	4009	444	10.0
CARTER	2737	2374	363	13.3	2647	2237	410	15.5	2739	2309	430	15.7
CEDAR	4315	3827	488	11.3	4310	3950	360	8.4	4390	3908	482	11.0
CHARITON	4574	4214	360	7.9	4817	4451	366	7.6	4538	4133	405	8.9
CLARK	3164	2744	420	13.3	3239	2868	371	11.5	3105	2706	399	12.9
CLINTON	7314	6701	613	8.4	7126	6598	528	7.4	7167	6434	733	10.2
COLE/OSAGE LMA	36532	34033	2499	6.8	37258	34958	2300	6.2	35552	32826	2726	7.7
COOPER	6634	6056	578	8.7	6900	6098	802	11.6	6822	6215	607	8.9
CRAWFORD	7590	6673	917	12.1	7131	6385	746	10.5	7161	6264	897	12.5
DADE	3583	3420	163	4.5	3693	3516	177	4.8	3672	3414	258	7.0
DALLAS	4550	4089	461	10.1	4702	4148	554	11.8	4362	3780	582	13.3
DAVIESS	3033	2717	316	10.4	2916	2708	208	7.1	2925	2492	433	14.8
DEKALB	3479	3203	276	7.9	3478	3204	274	7.9	3135	2886	249	7.9
DENT	5969	5220	749	12.5	6080	5418	662	10.9	5819	5045	774	13.3
DOUGLAS	4403	3662	741	16.8	4444	3755	689	15.5	4327	3784	543	12.5
DUNKLIN	12793	10783	2010	15.7	12832	11187	1645	12.8	13194	11082	2112	16.0
GASCONADE	6702	6167	535	8.0	6937	6501	436	6.3	6832	6334	498	7.3
GENTRY	3686	3490	196	5.3	3865	3700	165	4.3	3825	3499	326	8.5
GRUNDY	5097	4721	376	7.4	5134	4757	377	7.3	5054	4612	442	8.7
HARRISON	4695	4374	321	6.8	4786	4561	225	4.7	4671	4189	482	10.3
HENRY	9426	8417	1009	10.7	9620	8879	741	7.7	9000	8069	931	10.3
HICKORY	2373	2132	241	10.2	2439	2225	214	8.8	2270	1958	312	13.7
HOLT	3024	2758	266	8.8	3218	3037	181	5.6	3121	2770	351	11.2
HOWARD	4480	4090	390	8.7	4516	4116	400	8.9	4469	4125	344	7.7
HOWELL	13376	11906	1470	11.0	13321	12117	1204	9.0	13180	11743	1437	10.9
IRON	4360	3416	944	21.7	4408	3571	837	19.0	4581	3983	598	13.1
JOHNSON	17156	16350	806	4.7	16458	15816	642	3.9	15651	14721	930	5.9
KNOX	2251	1968	283	12.6	2276	2109	167	7.3	2338	2060	278	11.9
LACLEDE	11400	10219	1181	10.4	11498	9577	1921	16.7	10976	9882	1094	10.0
LAWRENCE	12296	11345	951	7.7	12176	11241	935	7.7	12105	10862	1243	10.3
LEWIS	5391	4903	488	9.1	5515	5095	420	7.6	5300	4601	699	13.2

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	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE
LINCOLN	10315	9381	934	9.1	10376	9527	849	8.2	9976	8694	1282	12.9
LINN	7448	6745	703	9.4	7460	6769	691	9.3	7664	6734	930	12.1
LIVINGSTON	6418	5839	579	9.0	6616	6115	501	7.6	6671	6010	661	9.9
MACON	6966	6407	559	8.0	6903	6457	446	6.5	6620	5957	663	10.0
MADISON	3716	3210	506	13.6	3819	3415	404	10.6	3682	3188	494	13.4
MARIES	2580	2290	290	11.2	2509	2269	240	9.6	2458	2170	288	11.7
MARION/RALLS LMA	17449	15761	1688	9.7	17884	16521	1363	7.6	17885	15723	2162	12.1
MCDONALD	5474	4923	551	10.1	5423	5003	420	7.7	5456	4793	663	12.2
MERCER	1678	1545	133	7.9	1661	1551	110	6.6	1794	1572	222	12.4
MILLER	10153	8395	1758	17.3	10089	8649	1440	14.3	10099	8338	1761	17.4
MISSISSIPPI	6441	5475	966	15.0	6303	5550	753	11.9	6491	5449	1042	16.1
MONITEAU	4837	3811	1026	21.2	4704	4005	699	14.9	4840	3824	1016	21.0
MONROE	4313	3973	340	7.9	4418	4131	287	6.5	4374	4028	346	7.9
MONTGOMERY	5048	4497	551	10.9	5131	4672	459	8.9	5187	4637	550	10.6
MORGAN	5490	4659	831	15.1	5506	4802	704	12.8	5368	4526	842	15.7
NEW MADRID	11188	9896	1292	11.5	11069	10005	1064	9.6	11449	10034	1415	12.4
NODAWAY	10296	9725	571	5.5	10493	10047	446	4.3	10260	9510	750	7.3
OREGON	3013	2518	495	16.4	3134	2680	454	14.5	3092	2642	450	14.6
OZARK	3821	3358	463	12.1	3949	3547	402	10.2	3752	3279	473	12.6
PEMISCOT	8247	7150	1097	13.3	8083	7217	866	10.7	8184	6910	1274	15.6
PERRY	6848	6194	654	9.6	6933	6421	512	7.4	6750	6157	593	8.8
PETTIS	16331	14822	1509	9.2	16212	14956	1256	7.7	15853	14228	1625	10.3
PHELPS	15205	14019	1186	7.8	15743	14713	1030	6.5	15047	13741	1306	8.7
PIKE	6616	5743	873	13.2	6797	6074	723	10.6	7024	6026	998	14.2
POLK	8346	7785	561	6.7	9015	8353	662	7.3	8869	8154	715	8.1
PULASKI	8663	7852	811	9.4	8957	7887	1070	11.9	8865	7846	1019	11.5
PUTNAM	2636	2400	236	9.0	2834	2626	208	7.3	2863	2546	317	11.1
RANDOLPH	11311	10428	883	7.8	11451	10642	809	7.1	11441	10506	935	8.2
REYNOLDS	2415	1920	495	20.5	2237	1874	363	16.2	2518	1973	545	21.6
RIPLEY	3292	2811	481	14.6	3259	2904	355	10.9	3247	2694	553	17.0
SALINE	13818	12831	987	7.1	13590	12859	731	5.4	13582	12552	1030	7.6
SCOTLAND	2400	2228	172	7.2	2290	2145	145	6.3	2295	2055	240	10.5
SCOTT	16716	14878	1838	11.0	16961	15357	1604	9.5	17064	15017	2047	12.0
SHANNON	2878	2335	543	18.9	3052	2529	523	17.1	3147	2388	759	24.1
SHELBY	3053	2817	236	7.7	3092	2905	187	6.0	3044	2811	233	7.7
ST. CLAIR	3633	3352	281	7.7	3660	3392	268	7.3	3654	3290	364	10.0
ST. FRANCOIS	18792	16501	2291	12.2	19770	17619	2151	10.9	19498	17148	2350	12.1
STE. GENEVIEVE	5785	5287	498	8.6	5616	5150	466	8.3	5691	5105	586	10.3
STODDARD	12596	11011	1585	12.6	12572	11350	1222	9.7	12481	10486	1995	16.0
STONE	6838	5318	1520	22.2	7002	5688	1314	18.8	6816	5208	1608	23.6
SULLIVAN	3234	2953	281	8.7	3246	3033	213	6.6	3276	2957	319	9.7
TANEY	13126	10777	2349	17.9	13603	11587	2016	14.8	11785	9358	2427	20.6
TEXAS	7876	6630	1246	15.8	8154	6575	1579	19.4	7962	6792	1170	14.7
VERNON	9346	8758	588	6.3	9294	8769	525	5.6	9506	8791	715	7.5
WARREN	6871	6292	579	8.4	6588	6092	496	7.5	6047	5354	693	11.5
WASHINGTON	4653	3577	1076	23.1	4539	3654	885	19.5	4534	3576	958	21.1
WAYNE	4224	3520	704	16.7	4320	3638	682	15.8	4136	3343	793	19.2
WEBSTER	7647	6811	836	10.9	7710	6491	1219	15.8	7467	6597	870	11.7
WORTH	1083	985	98	9.0	1047	959	88	8.4	1085	936	149	13.7
WRIGHT	7072	6263	809	11.4	7167	6392	775	10.8	7158	6411	747	10.4

NOTE: Data for the St. Louis MSA were not available.
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TABLE 2. NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT, HOURS AND EARNINGS
MISSOURI (STATEWIDE)
JANUARY, 1985

INDUSTRY TITLE	ALL EMPLOYEES (In Thousands)			PRODUCTION WORKERS								
				Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago
Total Non-Agri. Employment	1999.9	2042.0	1951.4									
Total Manufacturing	432.8	434.1	421.6	383.36	394.83	371.59	40.1	41.0	40.7	9.56	9.63	9.13
Durable Goods	247.8	249.2	238.6	424.15	441.81	410.75	41.1	42.4	41.7	10.32	10.42	9.85
Lumber & Wood Products	10.7	10.8	9.8	231.38	243.66	213.93	37.5	39.3	37.4	6.17	6.20	5.72
Furniture & Fixtures	11.2	11.2	10.5	332.42	333.61	291.31	44.5	44.9	40.8	7.47	7.43	7.14
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	10.2	11.0	10.6	418.00	415.14	404.74	40.9	40.7	40.8	10.22	10.20	9.92
Cement, Hydraulic	1.0	1.0	1.0	524.16	538.60	544.29	39.0	39.4	39.7	13.44	13.67	13.71
Structural Clay Prod.	2.1	2.3	2.3	472.62	443.48	444.80	41.4	38.8	40.4	11.66	11.43	11.01
Other Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	7.1	7.7	7.3	389.22	393.71	370.31	41.1	41.4	41.1	9.47	9.51	9.01
Primary Metal Industries	13.7	13.7	13.4	435.01	433.60	453.10	39.8	40.0	40.6	10.93	10.84	11.16
Iron & Steel Foundries	2.1	2.1	1.8	345.54	352.23	337.26	39.0	39.8	38.9	8.86	8.85	8.67
Non-Ferrous Foundries	3.1	3.1	2.9	352.84	350.40	342.38	43.4	43.8	41.3	8.13	8.00	8.29
Other Primary Metals	8.5	8.5	8.7	488.10	482.59	516.12	38.8	38.7	40.8	12.58	12.47	12.65
Fabricated Metal Products	27.8	27.9	28.1	382.70	386.16	397.21	40.2	41.3	41.9	9.52	9.35	9.48
Fabricated Structural Metal Prod.	10.5	10.6	10.6	366.22	368.34	372.50	40.2	40.7	40.8	9.11	9.05	9.13
Other Fabricated Metal Prod.	17.2	17.3	17.5									
Machinery Exc. Electrical	31.6	31.9	32.1	403.85	422.51	397.71	41.0	41.1	40.5	9.85	10.28	9.82
Electrical & Electronic Equip.	51.8	51.2	51.8	378.73	393.01	361.08	40.9	41.5	40.8	9.26	9.47	8.85
Transportation Equipment	72.1	72.6	67.0	582.28	622.84	550.12	43.1	46.0	44.4	13.51	13.54	12.39
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	33.8	34.0	29.3	600.27	660.18	567.12	44.3	48.4	46.6	13.55	13.64	12.17
Other Transportation Equip.	38.4	38.5	37.7	545.79	547.45	523.11	40.7	41.1	40.9	13.41	13.32	12.79
Instruments & Related Prod.	11.9	11.9	11.8	312.27	324.82	344.55	38.6	40.2	44.2	8.09	8.08	7.75
Misc. Mfg. Inds.	6.9	7.0	6.8	258.25	279.34	258.33	37.7	41.2	39.2	6.85	6.78	6.59
Nondurable Goods	185.1	184.9	183.0	329.80	333.20	323.90	38.8	39.2	39.5	8.50	8.50	8.20
Food & Kindred Products	45.2	45.5	44.7	387.13	388.96	384.17	40.2	40.9	41.0	9.63	9.51	9.37
Meat Products & Preserved Fruits and Vegetables	11.7	11.8	11.6	271.83	269.50	257.13	39.0	39.4	38.9	6.97	6.84	6.61
Dairy Products	6.3	6.3	6.2	392.60	383.45	384.64	41.9	42.7	41.9	9.37	8.98	9.18
Grain Mill Products	8.0	8.0	7.5	421.04	443.98	455.05	41.4	43.4	44.7	10.17	10.23	10.18
Bakery Products	5.1	5.2	5.4	374.99	369.60	376.11	36.8	36.2	38.3	10.19	10.21	9.82
Beverages	10.0	10.0	9.7	585.23	590.59	552.43	40.5	41.3	40.8	14.45	14.30	13.54

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				Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago
Other Food & Kindred Prod.	4.1	4.2	4.3	420.04	406.56	403.09	42.6	42.0	42.7	9.86	9.68	9.44
Textile & Apparel	25.1	24.3	25.6	193.28	177.41	180.19	35.4	33.6	35.4	5.46	5.28	5.09
Paper & Allied Products	13.3	13.2	12.9	382.93	395.66	375.72	42.5	43.1	41.7	9.01	9.18	9.01
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	6.6	6.7	6.6	391.19	393.07	392.70	42.2	43.1	42.5	9.27	9.12	9.24
Other Paper & Allied Products	6.7	6.5	6.4	376.21	397.81	359.92	42.8	43.1	40.9	8.79	9.23	8.80
Printing & Publishing	40.0	40.0	38.5	369.38	381.79	373.18	37.5	38.8	39.2	9.85	9.84	9.52
Commercial Printing	12.8	12.9	12.2	431.94	445.13	446.46	39.7	40.8	42.0	10.88	10.91	10.63
Other Printing & Publishing	27.1	27.1	26.2	310.10	321.77	304.05	35.4	36.9	36.5	8.76	8.72	8.33
Chemicals & Allied Products	29.2	29.1	28.0	464.03	480.47	438.42	42.3	43.6	42.4	10.97	11.02	10.34
Leather & Leather Products	19.0	19.3	20.3	188.77	185.32	199.06	34.7	34.9	37.0	5.44	5.31	5.38
Footwear Exc. Rubber	15.3	15.4	15.9	183.16	182.87	196.35	34.3	34.7	36.7	5.34	5.27	5.35
Other Leather & Leather Prod.	3.7	3.8	4.4	211.85	195.28	210.48	36.4	35.7	38.2	5.82	5.47	5.51
Other Nondurable Goods	13.3	13.5	13.0	309.55	315.42	317.82	41.0	42.0	41.6	7.55	7.51	7.64
Total Nonmanufacturing	1567.1	1608.0	1529.8									
Mining	5.7	6.0	6.1									
Construction	71.9	82.2	69.5									
Transportation & Public Util.	133.6	135.1	132.2									
Railroad Transportation	13.2	13.2	13.0									
Transportation (Exc. R.R.)	68.8	69.5	67.4									
Communication, Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	51.6	52.3	51.7									
Wholesale & Retail Trade	477.0	493.6	466.6									
Wholesale Trade	131.0	131.8	130.2									
Retail Trade	346.0	361.8	336.4									
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	113.2	113.8	111.7									
Services	428.1	433.5	419.0									
Government	337.6	343.8	324.6									
Federal Government	68.8	69.1	68.0									
State & Local Government	268.8	274.7	256.6									

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Data cover employees who worked or received pay for the payroll period which includes the 12th of the month. The data exclude the self-employed, volunteers or unpaid family workers, and domestic workers. Payroll and hours data cover production and related workers in manufacturing.

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Nonfarm payroll employment also fell seasonally in January, as decreases in retail trade, construction, services, and government accounted for most of the total decrease of 42,100 jobs. The January estimate of 1,999,200 shows healthly over-the-year growth, with total payroll employment increasing by 47,800 jobs. Gains were concentrated in durable goods manufacturing (9200 jobs), retail trade (9600 jobs), services (9100 jobs), and state and local government (12,200 jobs).

The factory workweek, dropped back to 40.1 hours in January, after the one-month jump to 41.1 hours in December. Average hourly earnings of manufacturing productin workers slipped back a little in January to $9.56, and the decrease in hours added to the drop in weekly earnings. January's average of $383.36 was $11.47 lower than in Decemoer but was 3.2 percent higher than the year-earlier figure, despite the drop of six-tenths of an hour in the factory workweek.

NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND LABOR MARKET CONDITIONS

The national unemployment rate increased two-tenths of a percentage point to 7.4 percent in January, after bottoming out at 7.1 percent in November. The increase was apparently the result of a surge in the number of jobseekers, as employment also increased during the month. Improvements in unemployment came relatively slowly during most of 1984, following the sharp drops experienced in 1983.

Revised data show the economy to have grown more rapidly in the last quarter of 1984 than previously estimated. Inflation-adjusted gross national product is now estimated to have increased at a 4.9 percent annual rate in the final quarter of the year, following the third quarter's anemic 1.6 percent rate. The nation's output of goods and services in 1984 totalled 6.9 percent higher than in the previous year.

OUTLOOK

The economy appears to have entered 1985 with some momemtum, although the January national employment and unemployment data suggest growth may have slowed somewhat compared to that of the final quarter of 1984. The government's index of leading economic indicators rose sharply in January following several months in which the index has tended to drift downward. The 1.7 percent increase is the largest in nearly two years. Although the January increase may not point to a speeding up of economic activity in upcoming months, it does tend to suggest that broad based growth will continue in the opening months of 1985.

Missouri employment has generally shown moderate growth over the past several months, when usual seasonal movements are taken into account, and unemployment has shown little change. Thus, the seasonal movements are still expected to dominate developments in the upcoming months, with a possible further increase in unemployment in February, followed by sharp drops beginning in March.

TABLE 3. SELECTED ECONOMIC STATISTICS RELATED TO MANPOWER DEVELOPMENTS
MISSOURI – JANUARY, 1985

Item	Current Mo. (Preliminary)	1 Mo. Ago (Revised)	1 Yr. Ago (Revised)	Net Change To Current Month From: 1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Civilian Labor Force (No. of Workers)	2,332,900	2,381,200	2,334,900	-48,300	-2,000
Total Employed	2,147,900	2,213,400	2,115,700	-65,500	32,200
Total Unemployed	185,000	167,800	219,200	17,200	-34,200
Unemployment Rate (% of CLF)	7.9	7.0	9.4	0.9	-1.5
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment Except Domestics (No. of Jobs)	1,999,200	2,041,200	1,951,400	-42,000	47,800
Manufacturing	432,100	433,300	421,600	-1,200	10,500
Durable Goods	247,800	249,200	238,600	-1,400	9,200
Nondurable Goods	184,300	184,100	183,000	200	1,300
Nonmanufacturing	1,567,100	1,608,000	1,529,800	-40,900	37,300
State Initial Claims (Wkly. Avg.)	15,649	8,813	13,769	6,836	1,880
State Insured Unemployment (Wkly. Avg.)	64,192	40,864	66,227	23,328	-2,035
Insured Unemployment Rate	2.9	2.8	3.7	0.1	-0.8
Exhaustions (State U.I.)	4,704	3,244	5,947	1,460	-1,243
Amount of Benefits Paid	$20,917,129	$13,641,958	$20,726,519	$7,275,171	$190,610
State U.I.	20,510,486	13,333,015	20,235,095	7,177,471	275,391
UCFE	190,110	142,212	260,062	47,898	-69,952
UCX	216,533	166,731	231,362	49,802	-14,829

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KANSAS CITY LABOR MARKET REVIEW

The Kansas City Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (SMSA) includes Jackson, Clay, Cass, Platte and Ray counties in Missouri and Johnson and Wyandotte counties in Kansas. The 1980 population for the SMSA has been published at 1,327,020 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

JANUARY, 1984

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For the first time in nine months, the civilian unemployment rate edged up toward six per cent in January 1985. January's unemployment rate of 5.9 per cent marked the second month of an increase after reaching a twelve month low in October at five per cent. Virtually no industry sector in the Area was left unscathed by the downturn. Severe weather, seasonal layoffs, unsold inventories and slow sales contributed to widespread employment losses. Civilian employment fell by 18,900 persons, primarily as a result of more than 15,400 persons dropping out of the labor force rather than continuing to look for work. The number of civilian unemployed rose sharply from the December 1984 total of 39,300, up by 3,500 new jobless persons in January 1985. Despite the over-the-month rise, the January 1985 total number of unemployed of 42,800 was well below the January 1984 unemployed total of 53,900 by over 11,000 persons. Over this same 12-month period, these 11,100 previously unemployed persons and an additional 2,000 persons who entered the labor force, all found jobs over the year, resulting in the net employment growth of 13,100 persons.

Wage and salaried employment in January 1985 was 662,500, down by 12,100 from the December 1984 total of 674,600. Employment losses were concentrated in the nonmanufacturing industries. The most severe cutbacks occurred in Retail Trade, which was down by 5,300 jobs from its December 1984 peak level of 122,200. This loss of more than 40 per cent of the total jobs over the month was due to the layoffs of personnel in department stores, food stores, apparel stores, eating and drinking establishments and miscellaneous retail stores. Wholesale Trade also recorded losses in both nondurable and durable goods. Services continued to experience winter season downturn with another 800 jobs lost. Among the tourist related services, recreational services and hotels accounted for a sizable proportion of jobs lost; business and agricultural services accounted for the remainder. Construction ranked as second among industries with a substantial loss over the month. The drop of 2,600 jobs from December 1984 to January 1985 marked the first major loss for the industry after showing steady job growth over the first nine months of 1984. Severe winter weather conditions contributed to a moderate decline in Transportation, Communications and Utilities as the trucking industries recorded a loss of approximately 500 jobs. A temporary decline of 1,400 jobs in State and Local Government was due to the semester break at area schools. Elsewhere within Nonmanufacturing there was little change, with the exception of Federal Government, which showed a modest gain of 200 jobs due compared in December 1984 for 5.3 per cent of the labor force and 53,900 in January 1984 for 7.4 per cent of the labor force.

primarily to the hiring of tax processors. Manufacturing employment fell over the month by 700 jobs, down to 119,500. The largest decline occurred in Stone, Clay and Glass Products, which fell by 400, accounting for more than half the total loss in Manufacturing. Smaller losses were registered in Fabricated Metals, Machinery and Motor Vehicles. All employment changes in Manufacturing were registered in Durable Goods Manufacturing. Having reached its 1984 peak at 52,300 in December 1984, Nondurable Goods held steady in January 1985.

Wage and salaried employment increased by 18,100 from January 1984 to January 1985. Manufacturing increased by 5,100 jobs, with 3,300 jobs added in Durable Goods and 1,800 jobs gained in Nondurable Goods Manufacturing. Nonmanufacturing employment had the largest gain, increasing by 13,000 over the 12-month period. Over the year employment growth was widespread among the Nonmanufacturing industries. Construction employment topped the list of biggest gainers, by adding 3,900 new jobs to the Kansas City Area payrolls. During the 12 months of 1984, Construction industry expanded by 6,500, surpassing the overall net gain during the 12 months of 1983 by 1,800 jobs. The second largest producer of jobs in the Area, over the period from January 1984 to January 1985, was the Services industry, which added 3,000 jobs to the Area's economy. During the 12 months of 1984, the Services industry ranked third among the top four industries in the Area. Most of the growth occurred in business services, hotels and recreational services. Retail trade which ranked as top producer of jobs over the calendar years 1983 and 1984, recorded the third largest growth in jobs among Nonmanufacturing industries, with a 12-month growth of 1,800 jobs. Finance, Insurance and Real Estate also added another 1,700 jobs in the banking sector. Other significant gains were recorded by State and Local Government, Federal Government, Transportation and Utilities, and Wholesale Trade. Among the manufacturing industries, the largest gains took place in Motor Vehicles as 2,600 jobs were added to that industry over the year. Electrical Equipment which also added 1,200 jobs together with Motor Vehicles, contributed 75 per cent of total over-all growth in Manufacturing. Moderate 12 month employment gains in Printing and Publishing, Chemicals and minor increases among the remaining sectors contributed to the remaining 25 per cent of payroll employment gains. Over the year, the only employment losses were reported in Manufacturing, with Machinery, accounting for approximately 80 per cent of the recorded declines.

Total unemployment on a place-of-residence basis was 42,800 in January 1985, for 5.9 per cent of the labor force,

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT FORECAST

The Areas's labor market is expected to show little change in February 1985. Continued layoffs in Retail and Wholesale Trade and Construction will be the major factors affecting the Area's unemployment. Retail and Wholesale Trade is expected to fall to its lowest point of the year. Report of large inventories still remaining from the Christmas season may further aggravate the loss of jobs in the sector. Construction and Services will also remain in their winter slump. Continued large inventories and sluggish sales may contribute to the continuation of minor losses across many manufacturing industries. The only bright spots are expected in Government as Federal Tax Processors are hired and Area schools return to full session. Unemployment is expected to be 5.7 per cent of the labor force in February 1985, compared to 5.9 per cent in January 1985 and 6.3 per cent in February 1984.

KANSAS CITY AREA-
MISSOURI JOB SERVICE STATISTICS

Latest available data from the Employment Service Automated Reporting System (ESARS) indicated 30,337 applicants in the active file for Missouri Job Service offices in the Kansas City Area at the end of January 1985. Breakdowns of the figure according to applicant characteristics are as follows:

General Characteristics		Per Cent
Age:	Under 22	17.0
	22-44	67.8
	45 and over	15.2
Sex:	Male	63.5
	Female	36.5
Racial or Ethnic Group		
	Black	31.4
	Other Non-White	01.1
	Hispanic	02.0

Miscellaneous Characteristics	Per Cent
Unemployment Insurance Claimants	49.8
Veterans	22.1
Handicapped	02.6

SOURCE: SMSA 3760, ESARS Table 91, dated January 31, 1985.

JOB PLACEMENTS:

During January 1985, referrals to jobs by Missouri Job Service offices in the Kansas City Area totaled 8,694 and job placements totaled 2,051. There were 1,448 veteran referrals in January 1985, with 313 veteran placements. During December 1984, referrals to jobs by Missouri Job Service offices in the Kansas City Area totaled 7,860 and job placements totaled 2,051. There were 1,214 veteran referrals in December 1984, with 240 veteran placements.

SOURCE: SMSA 3760, ESARS Table 90, dated January 31, 1985.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED IN THE KANSAS CITY AREA (MISSOURI SIDE ONLY) JANUARY 1985

Insured Unemployed by Age and Sex

Age	Male Per Cent	Female Per Cent	Total Per Cent
Under 25	13.6	16.5	14.5
25-34	34.7	36.8	35.3
35-44	25.4	22.8	24.5
45-54	14.2	13.8	14.0
55-64	11.5	08.9	10.6
65 and over	00.6	01.2	00.9
Unreported	00.0	00.1	00.2

Insured Unemployed by Industry (SIC)

Industry	Per Cent
Agricultural	00.6
Mining	00.3
Construction	16.2
Manufacturing	22.2
Transportation, Communications & Utilities	04.2
Wholesale & Retail Trade	20.6
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	02.4
Services	23.4
All Other	10.2
Information not available	00.0

Insured Unemployed by Occupation (DOT)

Occupation	Per Cent
Professional, Technical & Managerial	09.0
Clerical	13.5
Sales	03.2
Services	11.7
Farming, Forestry & Fishing	01.2
Processing	02.3
Machine Trades	07.5
Bench Work	04.6
Structural Work	13.6
Miscellaneous	14.7
Information not available	18.7

The number of insured unemployed counted for the above percentages was 6,996; 4,798 were male and 2,194 were female.

TABLE 1. NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(Place of Work)
(BENCHMARK - March 1984)

Area and State: Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas — Month and Year of Current Data: January, 1985

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Total Nonagricultural Wage & Salaried Employment	662,500	674,600	644,400	-12,100	+18,100
Total Manufacturing	119,500	120,200	114,400	-700	+5,100
Durable Goods	67,200	67,900	63,900	-700	+3,300
Lumber & Furniture	3,400	3,400	3,200	0	+200
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	3,400	3,800	3,600	-400	-200
Primary Metal Industries	4,100	4,100	3,700	0	+400
Fabricated Metal Products	9,200	9,300	9,100	-200	+100
Machinery Except Electrical	7,600	7,700	8,700	-100	-1,100
Electrical Equipment & Supplies	20,800	20,700	19,600	+100	+1,200
Transportation Equipment	14,900	15,000	12,300	-100	+2,600
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	14,700	14,800	12,100	-100	+2,600
Other Durable Goods	3,800	3,800	3,700	0	+100
Nondurable Goods	52,300	52,300	50,500	0	+1,800
Food & Kindred Products	10,000	10,000	10,000	0	0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	2,600	2,600	2,500	0	+100
Paper & Allied Products	5,400	5,400	5,300	0	+100
Printing & Publishing	19,900	19,900	19,200	0	+700
Chemicals & Allied Products	8,700	8,700	8,100	0	+600
Petroleum & Coal Products	600	600	700	0	-100
Other Nondurable Goods	5,100	5,100	4,700	0	+400
Total Nonmanufacturing	543,000	554,400	530,000	-11,400	+13,000
Mining & Quarrying	700	600	600	+100	+100
Construction	25,500	28,100	21,600	-2,600	+3,900
Transportation & Utilities	51,300	51,800	50,700	-500	+600
Wholesale & Retail Trade	169,700	175,900	167,200	-6,200	+2,500
Wholesale Trade	52,800	53,700	52,100	-900	+700
Retail Trade	116,900	122,200	115,100	-5,300	+1,800
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	49,600	49,800	47,900	-200	+1,700
Services	144,700	145,500	141,700	-800	+3,000
Government	101,500	102,700	100,300	-1,200	+1,200
Federal Government	28,400	28,200	27,800	+200	+600
State & Local Government	73,100	74,500	72,500	-1,400	+600
In Labor-Management Disputes	100	100	100	0	0

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TABLE 2. PRODUCTION WORKER AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING

Area and State Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas Month and Year of Current Data January, 1985

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
TOTAL MANUFACTURING	$453.18	$473.67	$419.24	41.5	42.2	41.0	$10.92	$10.99	$10.24
DURABLE GOODS	491.23	516.97	449.34	41.7	43.7	41.3	11.78	11.83	10.88
Lumber & Furniture	299.47	324.86	317.10	38.1	42.3	42.0	7.86	7.68	7.55
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	443.05	490.05	478.27	37.9	41.6	40.6	11.69	11.78	11.78
Primary Metal Industries	428.87	426.49	435.81	39.6	39.6	39.8	10.83	10.77	10.95
Fabricated Metal Products	364.70	374.74	385.97	39.3	41.0	40.8	9.28	9.14	9.46
Machinery Exc. Electrical	427.44	424.91	409.89	41.1	40.7	39.0	10.40	10.44	10.51
Elect. Equip. & Supplies	484.63	506.60	448.16	42.4	44.4	42.6	11.43	11.41	10.52
Transportation Equipment	690.08	743.82	580.25	45.4	48.3	42.2	15.20	15.40	13.75
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	694.79	748.75	585.43	45.5	48.4	42.3	15.27	15.47	13.84
Other Durable Goods	240.48	257.80	240.20	36.0	37.8	38.2	6.68	6.82	6.29
NONDURABLE GOODS	390.04	401.74	373.52	41.1	42.2	40.6	9.49	9.52	9.20
Food & Kindred Products	424.56	440.66	398.14	41.3	43.5	42.5	10.28	10.13	9.39
Apparel & Other Textile Prod.	187.37	183.58	195.94	33.7	33.5	36.9	5.56	5.48	5.31
Paper & Allied Products	404.18	402.05	366.91	42.5	43.0	41.6	9.51	9.35	8.82
Printing & Publishing	391.33	419.21	396.55	38.9	40.7	38.5	10.06	10.30	10.30
Chemicals & Allied Prod.	491.05	493.58	446.08	45.3	45.2	40.7	10.84	10.92	10.96
Petroleum & Coal Prod.	432.60	460.80	370.16	42.0	45.0	38.8	10.30	10.24	9.54
Other Nondurable Goods	289.91	296.60	300.41	42.2	42.8	43.1	6.87	6.93	6.97

*This series excludes industry 2771.
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ST. LOUIS LABOR MARKET REVIEW

The St. Louis Area includes the City of St. Louis, and St. Louis, St. Charles, Jefferson and Franklin Counties in Missouri; and Clinton, Madison, Monroe and St. Clair Counties in Illinois. The 1980 population for the Area was stated as 2,355,276 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

JANUARY, 1984

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AREA LABOR FORCE DEVELOPMENTS
(Missouri Portion Only)

The Missouri portion of the St. Louis MSA unemployment rate increased from 6.6% in December 1984 to 7.3% in January 1985. Revised data for the Illinois portion of the St. Louis MSA for 1984 and January 1985 is not yet available. The number of Missouri portion residents that were unemployed increased by 4800 while the total employed decreased by 25,700. Unemployment increases and employment decreases in January typically occur in the St. Louis area. Temporary workers hired for the holiday buying season in trade are laid off by January. School employment also decreases some as non-teaching personnel are laid off between semesters. The majority of these two groups of workers do not normally look for other employment when they are laid off. If they are not seeking employment, they are then not counted as unemployed. Because of this normal occurance, coupled with seasonal lay-offs in construction, employment declines more than unemployment increases. Over the year, unemployment declined by 13600 and increased by 12900. These changes are due to increased employment levels in most of durable goods manufacturing and the non manufacturing industries.

MANUFACTURING (Total St. Louis MSA)

Manufacturing employment declined by 1,100 over the month. Miscellaneous manufacturing declined 300 as the jewelry, toys, and sporting goods sectors all experienced seasonal layoffs. The leather industry continued its decline, losing 200 workers since the end of 1984. All other industries registered small declines or remained unchanged. Over the year, manufacturing added 3800 workers. Durable goods is up 4200. Fabricated metals (-200) and miscellaneous manufacturing (unchanged) are the only two durable goods industries that failed to show improvement. Nondurables declined 400 since January 1984. Food, printing and chemicals are the only industries that registered improvement. The leather industry suffered the most severe decline. This industry lost over 15% of its workers (-900) over the year.

NONMANUFACTURING (Total St. Louis MSA)

Nonmanufacturing declined 20,100 over the month. Seasonal. layoffs occurred in construction (-6200), trade (-8100), services decline and all of the construction drop is due to winter weather conditions. Nonteaching school personnel placed on lay off between semesters is responsible

for the remainder of the service decrease and the movement in government. Over the year, nonmanufacturing added 26,100 workers. All industries registered gains. The largest increases occurred in trade (+10,200), services (+5300) and construction (+4100).

UNEMPLOYMENT AND MANPOWER RESOURCES

State UI continued claimants in the MSA were up 6300 in January 1985 from December, 1984. In the Missouri portion of the MSA they were up 4000 and in the Illinois portion they were up 2300.

The distribution of weeks claimed by intrastate Missouri resident claimants by industry attachment is as follows:

Industry	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan. '85
INA	0	0	0	0
Agriculture	23	24	37	71
Mining	105	72	36	34
Constructin	901	987	1269	2316
Manufacturing Total	3237	3363	3484	3309
Food	349	398	562	368
Textile	26	30	21	24
Apparel	208	145	132	206
Lumber	29	36	47	55
Furniture	82	89	82	62
Paper	99	115	87	79
Printing	135	151	162	133
Chemicals	199	168	163	135
Petroleum	17	14	25	14
Rubber	115	127	132	112
Leather	312	438	163	185
Stone	74	44	48	66
Primary Metal	186	184	212	195
Fabricated Metal	369	407	466	445
Machinery	80	67	112	113
Electrtical Machinery	239	219	242	249
Transportation Equip.	281	300	334	370
Instruments	33	16	20	15
Miscellaneous	399	410	470	480
Public Utilities	561	646	692	769
Wholesale & Retail Tr.	2009	1817	1937	1832
Finance	300	244	259	252
Services	5542	5147	5380	5148
All Other	310	311	287	247
TOTAL	12988	12611	13381	13979

Of the 13,979 intrastate Missouri resident claimants in January, 1985, 63.4 percent were male and 36.6 percent were female.

Weeks Claimed (Reference Week)

Occupation	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan. '85
Prof., Tech. & Mgr.	1730	1534	1529	1396
Clerical	2213	1966	2051	1920
Sales	636	533	589	507
Farm, Fish & Forest	76	99	133	195
Processing	260	245	276	296
Machine Trades	973	1048	1083	1115
Bench Work	749	704	774	710
Structural Work	1016	1037	1311	1723
Misc. Work	1628	1596	1816	1840
Domestic	66	68	63	51
Other Services	2181	2271	2217	2032
INA	1460	1510	1529	2194
TOTAL	12988	12611	13381	13979

Applications in file and placements made during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1984 are distributed as follows:

	Female	Vets	-22	Min.	HDCP
Apps. in file, %	45.3	14.7	21.7	40.9	2.1
Placements, %	42.8	13.8	38.4	37.3	2.1

AVAILABLE JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The occupations percentage distribution of the openings received and filled during fiscal year 1985 by the Missouri State Employment Service is as follows:

Occupational Group	Openings Received Percent	Openings Filled Percent
Professional, Technical & Managerial	5.5	1.6
Clerical	18.4	14.3
Sales	17.5	21.3
Processing	1.1	1.4
Machine Trades	4.8	4.6
Bench Work	3.7	4.2
Structural Work	5.1	5.0
Motor Freight & Transportation	4.0	4.0
Packaging & Material Handling	9.9	14.2
Domestic	1.2	1.1
Other Services	27.6	27.3
Other Occupations	1.2	1.0

Data contained in the following nonagricultural wage and salary employment tables and the average hours and earnings of production workers table is based on the new definition of the St. Louis Metropolitan Statistical Area. The definitional change occurred because of the addition of Jersey County in Illinois to the metro area after review and publication of the 1980 census data.

TABLE 1. NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(Place of Work)

Area and State: St. Louis, Mo.-Ill. Met. Area — Month and Year of Current Data: January, 1985

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change to Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary, Total	1,036,500	1,057,700	1,006,600	-21,200	+29,900
Percent Change				-2.0	+3.0
Manufacturing	227,400	228,500	223,600	-1,100	+3,800
Durable Goods	143,700	144,300	139,500	-600	+4,200
Lumber & Furniture	5,000	5,000	4,500	0	+500
Stone, Clay & Glass	3,500	3,600	3,300	-100	+200
Primary Metal Industries	15,300	15,300	14,900	0	+400
Fabricated Metal Products	17,200	17,300	17,400	-100	-200
Machinery, Except Electrical	18,700	18,800	18,100	-100	+600
Electrical & Electronic Equip.	15,200	15,200	14,500	0	+700
Transportation Equipment	55,700	55,700	53,700	0	+2,000
Motor Vehicles	19,100	19,100	17,900	0	+1,200
Aircraft & Parts	35,700	35,700	34,600	0	+1,100
Instruments & Misc. Mfg.	13,100	13,400	13,100	-300	0
Nondurable Goods	83,700	84,200	84,100	-500	-400
Food & Kindred Products	21,300	21,400	21,100	-100	+200
Meat Products	1,400	1,400	1,400	0	0
Beverages	8,500	8,500	8,300	0	+200
Textiles & Apparel	6,700	6,700	6,900	0	-200
Paper & Paper Products	5,800	5,900	5,900	-100	-100
Printing & Publishing	16,500	16,600	16,200	-100	+300
Chemical & Allied Products	20,600	20,500	20,200	+100	+400
Petroleum & Coal Products	2,400	2,400	2,400	0	0
Leather & Leather Products	4,900	5,100	5,800	-200	-900
Other Nondurable Goods	5,500	5,600	5,600	-100	-100
Nonmanufacturing	809,100	829,200	783,000	-20,100	+26,100
Mining	3,600	3,600	3,300	0	+300
Construction	44,700	50,900	40,600	-6,200	+4,100
Transportation & Public Utilities	73,300	73,700	72,000	-400	+1,300
Railroads	7,400	7,400	7,300	0	+100
Transportation, Except Railroads	38,700	39,200	38,200	-500	+500
Communications & Public Utilities	27,200	27,100	26,500	+100	+700
Wholesale & Retail Trade	246,900	255,000	236,700	-8,100	+10,200
Wholesale Trade	64,500	65,600	63,900	-1,100	+600
Retail Trade	182,400	189,400	172,800	-7,000	+9,600
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	62,700	62,900	60,400	-200	+2,300
Service, Except Domestic	242,200	244,700	236,900	-2,500	+5,300
Total Government	135,700	138,400	133,100	-2,700	+2,600
Total Federal Government	37,500	37,700	36,800	-200	+700
Total State & Local Government	98,200	100,700	96,300	-2,500	+1,900
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	300	200	200	+100	+100

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TABLE 2. AVERAGE HOURS & EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION AND RELATED WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING

Area and State: St. Louis Metropolitan Area — Month and Year of Current Data: January, 1985

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
TOTAL MANUFACTURING	$448.92	$455.78	$430.35	40.7	41.7	41.3	11.03	10.93	10.42
DURABLE GOODS	472.15	482.23	449.59	41.2	42.6	41.9	11.46	11.32	10.73
Lumber & Furniture	371.47	375.03	322.80	43.6	44.7	40.4	8.52	8.39	7.99
Stone, Clay & Glass	392.66	392.83	367.50	36.8	37.7	37.5	10.67	10.42	9.80
Primary Metal Industries	478.74	469.45	438.79	40.4	40.4	38.9	11.85	11.62	11.28
Fabricated Metal Products	422.91	418.18	416.66	40.9	41.2	41.5	10.34	10.15	10.04
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	452.24	459.06	437.78	41.3	42.0	41.3	10.95	10.93	10.60
Elect. & Electronic Equip.	322.97	331.53	315.99	39.1	29.8	40.1	8.26	8.33	7.88
Transportation Equipment	598.49	629.28	570.06	43.4	46.0	45.1	13.79	13.68	12.64
Instruments & Misc. Mfg.	308.21	299.49	286.10	37.0	39.2	39.3	8.33	7.64	7.28
NONDURABLE GOODS	405.11	410.04	397.36	39.6	40.2	40.3	10.23	10.20	9.86
Food & Kindred Products	492.00	487.86	486.93	41.0	41.1	41.3	12.00	11.87	11.79
Textiles & Apparel	213.94	224.22	204.43	34.9	36.4	36.9	6.13	6.16	5.54
Paper & Paper Products	418.32	443.50	430.69	42.0	43.1	42.6	9.96	10.29	10.11
Printing & Publishing	387.28	393.95	390.87	37.6	38.1	38.7	10.30	10.34	10.10
Chemicals & Allied Prods.	465.79	476.86	444.14	41.7	42.2	41.9	11.17	11.30	10.60
Petroleum & Coal Products	603.05	607.89	594.38	42.8	42.9	42.7	14.09	14.17	13.92
Leather & Leather Products	183.74	189.19	194.99	35.2	35.9	37.0	5.22	5.27	5.27
Other Nondurable Goods	324.40	312.62	316.31	40.0	40.6	40.5	8.11	7.70	7.81

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SPRINGFIELD LABOR MARKET REVIEW
(GREENE AND CHRISTIAN COUNTIES)
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The number of unemployed persons in the Springfield area rose from 6,200 in December to 6,700 in January. The rate of unemployment climbed from 5.2 percent in December to 5.9 in January. These changes in the unemployment picture are seasonal in nature and do not indicate a softening of the economy.

During January, 1984, there were 8,300 persons unemployed and the rate of unemployment was calculated at 7.3 percent of the labor force.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT

Payrolled employment plunged from 96,700 in December to 93,800 in January. This seasonal drop occurred in the nonmanufacturing sector while overall manufacturing jobs remained at the 19,400 level. Nonmanufacturing employment fell 2,900 from December to 74,400 in January. Industries in the nonmanufacturing group recording significant changes in employment levels from December include: Construction, down 500; Transportation and Utilities, down 100; Trade, down 1,500; and government, down 800. The drops in construction, trade and government were fostered by seasonal influences and are in line with changes that normally occur between December and January.

Since one year ago, payrolled employment is up 2,700. Manufacturing jobs and nonmanufacturing jobs are up 300 and 2,400 respectively.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings of manufacturing production and related workers decreased from $8.35 an hour in December to $8.29 in January. This drop was fostered by less overtime worked and lower earnings because of piece work or lower incentive pay. Average weekly hours worked fell 1.6 hours from December to 39.8 hours in January.

TABLE 1. NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(Place of Work)
(BENCHMARK- March, 1984)

Area and State: Springfield, Missouri — Month and Year of Current Data: January, 1985

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Total Nonag. Wage & Salary Employment (Exc. Domestics)	93,800	96,700	91,100	-2,900	+2,700
Manufacturing	19,400	19,400	19,100	0	+300
Durable Goods	10,400	10,500	10,100	-100	+300
Lumber & Wood (Inc. Furn.)	900	900	900	0	0
Other Durable Goods	9,500	9,600	9,200	-100	+300
Nondurable Goods	9,000	8,900	9,000	+100	0
Food Processing	3,800	3,800	3,800	0	0
Printing & Publishing	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	3,600	3,500	3,600	+100	0
Nonmanufacturing	74,400	77,300	72,000	-2,900	+2,400
Mining	100	100	100	0	0
Construction	2,900	3,400	2,600	-500	+300
Transportation & Utilities	6,100	6,200	6,000	-100	+100
Trade	25,800	27,300	25,400	-1,500	+400
Finane, Insurance & Real Estate	4,400	4,400	4,200	0	+200
Services	23,000	23,000	22,100	0	+900
Government	12,100	12,900	11,600	-800	+500
Federal	1,700	1,700	1,700	0	0
State and Local	10,400	11,200	9,900	-800	+500
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0	0	0	0	0

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EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK

The total number of payrolled jobs is expected to show a slight seasonal increase during Febraury. Both the number of unemployed persons and the rate of unemployment should drop slightly during February. A definite seasonal down trend will be established by March.

TABLE 2. GROSS AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR PRODUCTION AND RELATED WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

Area and State: Springfield, Missouri — Month and Year of Current Data: January, 1985

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X
Manufacturing	$329.94	$345.69	$325.91	39.8	41.4	39.6	$8.29	$8.35	$8.23
Durable Goods	321.20	325.22	313.21	40.2	40.2	39.2	7.99	8.09	7.99
Nondurable Goods	342.52	352.08	345.32	39.1	40.1	40.2	8.78	8.78	8.59
Food & Kindred Products	377.71	374.74	385.48	41.1	40.6	42.5	9.19	9.23	9.07
Other Nondurable Goods	324.61	321.48	322.87	38.1	37.6	38.9	8.52	8.55	8.30

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